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DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of airports in the country before independence;

(b) the reasons behind the closure of the said airports alongwith the steps likely to be taken by the Government to make them operational;

(c) the details of Domestic and International airports in the country as on date, State-wise; and

(d) the details of metro and non-metro airports developed and constructed during last three years, airport-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) : There were 406 airports in the country before independence.

(b) Many of these airfields were constructed during pre-independence period for defence purposes and have since gone into disuse. Further, airline operators have not shown willingness to operate through these airports due to commercial reasons.

Airports Authority of India (AAI) makes regular efforts, with close cooperation of State Governments, to develop various airports. In this regard, AAI have signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra and the Union Territory of Puducherry for development of various airports.

(c) The State wise number of International and Domestic airports, including Civil Enclaves are as under: 1 international and 9 domestic in Andhra Pradesh, 1 international & 5 domestic in Karnataka, 1 international & 5 domestic in Tamilnadu, 3 international in Kerala, 1 domestic in Puducherry, 1 domestic in Lakshadweep, 2 international & 6 domestic in Maharashtra, 1 international & 10 domestic in Gujarat, 1 domestic in Chhattisgarh, 1 international in Goa, 1 domestic in Diu, 1 international in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 2 domestic in Bihar, 1 domestic in Orissa, 1 domestic in Jharkhand, 1 international & 3 domestic in West Bengal, 1 international & 5 domestic in Assam, 1 domestic in Manipur, 1 domestic in Nagaland, 1 domestic in Meghalaya, 1 domestic in Tripura, 1 domestic in Mizoram, 1 international & 1 domestic in Delhi, 3 domestic in Himachal Pradesh, 1 international & 2 domestic in Punjab, 1 domestic in Chandigarh, 1 international & 4 domestic in Rajasthan, 7 domestic in Uttar Pradesh, 1 international & 2 domestic in Jammu & Kashmir, 5 domestic in Madhya Pradesh and 2 domestic in Uttarakhand.

(d) Airport wise details of major runway and terminal building works undertaken during last three years, by the Airports Authority of India, are as per Annexure-I.